

Frances E. Bartgis, a witness of lawful age, produced on behalf of the Plaintiffs, after having been duly sworn, deposes and says:

(By Mr. Zimmerman)

Q. Will you state your name and residence?

A. My name is Frances E. Bartgis and I reside at 314 Rockwell Terrace, Frederick, Maryland.

Q. Did you know the late Lucy K. Willard?

A. Yes, I did. I knew Mrs. Willard since the year, 1936.

Q. When did Mrs. Willard die?

A. She died on the 27th day of August, 1954.

Q. Did she leave a will?

A. Not to my knowledge.

Q. Did Mrs. Willard die seized and possessed of a dwelling house and land adjacent thereto on Rosemont Avenue?

A. Yes, she lived in the property at the time of her death. I was in the property on many occasions. It was my understanding that she owned the entire title to the same.

Q. Do you know who were the heirs-at-law surviving Mrs. Willard?

A. Yes, her eldest child, Clark Willard, predeceased the mother. Clark Willard left surviving him three children, Richard Willard, who is over 21 years of age, now living somewhere in Massachusetts, a son, Edward Willard, who is approximately 19 years of age. He is in the service and his home is in New York, and a daughter, Barbara A. Willard, who is approximately 14 years of age. She is likewise residing in the State of New York. The second child was Paul L. Willard, whose wife's name is Elizabeth M. Willard. They live on West Seventh Street, Extended. I have known them since I have resided in Frederick. The youngest child was Virginia W. Marsh, who is married to Ralph Marsh. They are now living on the suburb of Philadelphia.

Q. Do you feel that it would be to the best interest and advantage of both the infant defendants in this matter to ratify a certain contract in the amount of \$19,000.00 for the sale of said real estate?

A. Yes, I believe it was a good price and I believe it to be to the best interest of the infant defendants.